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SUBJ: RENEWED FIRING IN ASMARA

1. AT APPROXIMATELY 0100 HOURS LOCAL FOUR EXPLOSIONS FOLLOWED BY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE BEGAN IN VICINITY OF TRACT ALFA (ETHIOPIAN NAVY HEADQUARTERS) ADJACENT TO CONGEN COMPOUND. IT DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE IF FIRING, WHICH LASTED FIVE MINUTES, WAS OTHER THEN OUTGOING FROM TRACT ALFA BUT ASSUME SOME INCOMING FIRE AND GRENADE ATTACK MUST HAVE PRECIPITATED NAVY RESPONSE. FIRE STARTED OUTSIDE OF CONGEN COMPOUND BY ELECTRICAL LINES DOWNED BY EXPLOSIONS. SEVERAL OTHER EXPLOSIONS REPORTED IN THE VICINITY OF TRACT BRAVO.

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2. AT 0135 LOCAL TIME SERIES LARGE EXPLOSIONS HEARD FROM CONGEN

COMPOUND SOME DISTANCE AWAY BUT IN CITY, BELIEVED TO BE MORTAR ROUNDS. TWO CONVOYS 2-1/2 TON TRUCKS AND PANHARD ARMORED CARS HEARD PASSING CONGEN COMPOUND. BOTH BELIEVED TO BE PART OF 2ND DIV REACTION FORCE MOVING IN SOUTHERLY DIRECTION TO AFFECTED AREAS OF ASMARA. SPORADIC SMALL ARMS FIRE CONTINUED UNTIL 0230 HOURS ON SOUTHERN EDGE OF TOWN. SEVERAL MORE HEAVY EXPLOSIONS HEARD AT 0210 AND AGAIN AT 0223 AT CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE IN DIRECTION AIRPORT.

3. NO AMERICAN CASUALTIES REPORTED BUT ONE INCOMING ROUND AT TRACT BRAVO. NOTHING IN OR OUT OF TRACT ECHO OR CONGEN COMPOUND. WILL REPORT LATER ON ANY FURTHER ACTION.  
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